



ADVISORY BOARD

May 24, 2010
City Hall – 4th Floor, 12:30 P.M.
Engineering Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas

MINUTES

Members Present: 6

Charles S. Wakeem, Lois Anne Balin, James H. Tolbert, Kevin von Finger, Bill Addington, Robert Ardovino

Members Absent: 3

Walt Phillips, Luis M. Ruiz, Richard Thomas

Member Vacancies: 0**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Gonzalo Cedillos

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Richard Garcia, Park Development Manager, Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Rudy Valdez, Water Utilities, Philip Etiwe, Planning Division, Kristen Choi, Assistant City Attorney, Elaine Hengen, Assistant City Attorney, Trish Tanner, Jobe Materials, Eddie Garcia, Planning Division, Pat Woods, Applicant, Jorge Azcarate, Applicant, Heather McMurray, Judy Ackerman

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.
2. Agenda Item # 2. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2010
Motion by Kevin von Finger to approve the minutes. Second by Bill Addington. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public – (for items not on the agenda)
None
4. Discussion, Information and Action: Recommendation to City Council on potential candidates for Natural Open Space (NOS) rezoning, in order to help preserve city-owned open space.
Chair Wakeem reviewed two lists attached to the agenda: city-owned properties and PSB-owned. Discussion ensued on procedures for making recommendations on parcels to City Council.

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Motion by Bill Addington that the Open Space Advisory Board recommend to city council to look at the city owned properties which includes PSB properties and that the direction that would be given potentially would be for Council to direct staff to have staff contact the managing entities for input on potential rezoning to natural open space. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).

5. Discussion, Information and Action: Recommendation to City Council regarding the effects of zoning case, ZON10-0006 – A portion of Tract 1B, Nellie D. Mundy Survey No. 243, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas (Rezoning request from R-3 to R-3A – HAD) on the Open Space Master Plan.

Chair Wakeem stated that there are three major arroyos going through these properties and the concern was with density transfers in order to leave portions of the arroyos natural. Discussion was held on zoning, density transfers and purpose.

Bill Addington requested proper posting of proposed zone changes.

No action taken.

6. Discussion and Action: Recommendation to City Council regarding a proposed ordinance to amend Title 19 (Subdivisions), of the El Paso City Code to add Chapter 19.27 (Hillside Development Area); to amend procedural requirements and to include provisions for the Hillside Development area. The penalty is as provided for in Section 19.42 of the El Paso City Code.

Eddie Garcia, Planning Services, reviewed the ordinance amending Title 19 of the El Paso City Code to include the Hillside Development Area.

No action taken.

7. Discussion, Information and Action: Recommendation to City Council regarding proposed changes to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22 (Open Space Advisory Board).

Agenda item postponed.

8. Discussion and Action: Approve new dates(s) and time of Open Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion by James Tolbert that the Open Space Advisory Board meet every other Thursday at 1:30 p.m. on the alternate Thursday that the CPC meets, once the OSAB enabling ordinance is in place. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).

9. Discussion, Information and Action: Finalize prioritized list of recommended future CIP Projects using 10% or other funds and authorizing submittal to PSB for consideration by the Stormwater Master Plan Community Advisory Committee.

Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, reviewed the lists of recommended future CIP Projects and displayed a map designating projects. (handout)

Motion by Kevin von Finger to approve this list and have staff forward recommendation to PSB staff for steering committee consideration. Second by Robert Ardovino. Motion carried (unanimous).

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10. Discussion: Items for Future Agendas

None

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant